

CHARLES W. BEARDALL
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As the Director, Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS), Mr. Charles W. Beardall supervises the investigative activities of over 400 criminal investigators and administrative staff. These professionals are located in over 40 offices throughout the United States and Europe.



Mr. Beardall was born in Margarita, Republic of Panama, in 1948. He graduated from Balboa High School, Panama Canal Zone. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Arkansas in 1970 and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1973. His professional military education includes the Judge Advocate General's School Basic and Graduate Courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College (as a Department of Justice Fellow). He is a member of the Bars of the State of Arkansas, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Beardall is a member and former chair of the Defense Advisory Council on Hispanic Issues and is an active member of the National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives.

On December 1, 1996, Mr. Beardall was retired from the United States Army in the rank of Colonel after a 23-year career as an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Highlights of his service include assignments as Senior Defense Counsel, Trial Defense Service, U.S. Army Armor Center & Fort Knox; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 193d Infantry Brigade (Panama); Executive Officer, Office of the Judge Advocate, HQ, USAREUR & 7th Army; Staff Judge Advocate, 3d Infantry Division; Chief, U.S. Army Litigation Division; Special Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Executive Officer and Special Counsel to the General Counsel, Department of the Army; and Chief, U.S. Army Procurement Fraud Division. On October 28, 1996, Mr. Beardall was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigative Policy and Oversight (IPO), Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense. His office provided policy for and assessed the performance of DoD's law enforcement organizations and programs. The IPO mission was to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the DoD law enforcement community by conducting a balanced, objective program of evaluations and by developing or improving policy.

Mr. Beardall's military awards include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster; the Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster; the Army Commendation Medal; and the National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster. He is also a recipient of the DoD Inspector General's Superior Civilian Service Award.